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TITLE: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR REMOVING
A MATERIAL LAYER FROM A SUBSTRATE

DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR PATENT APPLICATION

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR REMOVING A MATERIAL LAYER FROM A SUBSTRATE**, the specification of which:

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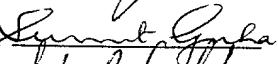
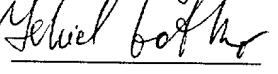
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